

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2550 without my signature.

I support the notion that best value contracting is a reasonable alternative for construction projects which allows projects to be awarded based on a combination of best price and qualifications because construction projects represent a large, long term investment of resources. However, I am concerned that this legislation may allow subjective methods to govern the bidding process for procurement of supplies and materials with a relatively short life cycle, which could be more open to manipulation and abuse in the bid selection process.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger